

Families First in Numbers
Updated Information from December 2005

Current number of Assistance Groups: 70,657

Current number of adults: 53,952

Current number of children: 134,001

Assistance Groups prior to Families First (August 1996): 91,499

Current number of child only cases: 18,108

Closures in December:

total closures: 3,945

closures for 18 month time limits: 148

closures for sanctions: 756

work-related sanctions: 712

other sanctions: 44

closures for employment: 885

Time limit closures since Families First started: 12,655

Current number of Assistance Groups with a working adult: 11,725

Average monthly wage of employed participants: \$705.03

Average monthly cash benefit for participating families: \$168.60

Re-entry rate of Families First participants: 32.8% of cases that close re-enter the program (after an absence of more than two months) at some point during the next 55 months.

The number of families served by the program between 1996 and now exceeds 250,000.